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STATE FOR ECA/PE/V/P-MARGERY BENSON/AZZA MOUNIB-ZAKI,
ECA/PE/V/G/N-ALICE SHIFFLETT; SA/PD

E.O. 12958: N/A

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SUBJECT: FY-2003 IV PROGRAM: SRI LANKAN NOMINATION FOR
MRP ON "PRINT JOURNALISM": JUNE 5-26, 2003
PROJECT NUMBER: E/VP-2003-0029

REF: (A) COLOMBO 01899, (B) STATE 127876, (C) STATE

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[1](#)1. POST NOMINATES MR. S. DINESH KUMAR, JOURNALIST,
VIRAKESARI NEWSPAPER, FOR PARTICIPATION IN SUBJECT
PROJECT.

[1](#)2. NOMINATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

EXPORT-SOURCE: USIS EVDB

VERSION: 3.0.0

POST-EMAIL: rscmb@pd.state.gov

TRANSMITTING-POST: PAS Colombo

TRANSMITTING-POST-ID: 2929

EXPORT-TYPE: BIO DATA

START NOMINATION:

USIA-OFFICE: E/VGN

PROG-AGENCY-NAME:

POST-PROJ-ID: 64

USIA-PROJ-NO: E/VP-2003-0029

PROJ-NAME: Print Journalism - June 5-26, 2003

START MEMO PROJ-DESC:

END MEMO PROJ-DESC:

PROJ-TYPE: Multi-Regional

PROG-TYPE: IV Grant Visitor

FY: 2003

DEPART-POST: 06/03/2003

SESSION-DATE: 06/05/2003

RETURN-POST: 06/29/2003

NO-OF-PART: 1

RANK-ORDER: 7

START MEMO POST-OBJ:

This nomination is in support of MPP strategic goals on
"Democracy" and "Mutual Understanding"

END MEMO POST-OBJ:

START MEMO POST-RCMD:

END MEMO POST-RCMD:

USIA-OFFICE-ID: 1039

PROG-AGENCY-ID:

PROJ-TYPE-ID: MRP

PROG-TYPE-ID: 29

NOMINATING-POST-ID: 2929

FUNDING-CNTRY-ID:

STATUS: N

ORIGINATOR: U

SUBJ-DISC: Print Journalism

START BIO:

PREFIX: Mr.

F-NAME: Samykkannu

M-NAME: Dinesh

L-NAME: KUMAR

SUFFIX:

PRINCIPAL?: Yes

M-ADDR1: Express Newspapers Ltd.

M-ADDR2: 185 Grandpass Road

M-ADDR3:

M-CITY: Colombo 14

M-STATE:

M-CNTRY: Sri Lanka

M-ZONE:

M-ZIP:

M-PHONE: (94-1) 320-927

M-FAX:

M-EMAIL:

M-CNTRY-ID: CE

M-ADDRTYPE: B

GENDER: M

DOB: 01/12/1977

MAR-STAT: S

BIRTH-CITY: Haputale

BIRTH-CNTRY: Sri Lanka

CITIZ-CNTRY: Sri Lanka

RES-CNTRY: Sri Lanka

START MEMO POSITION:

Journalist, Virakesari Newspaper, 1998- to date

END MEMO POSITION:

START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:
START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:

END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
START MEMO US-TRAVEL:

END MEMO US-TRAVEL:
START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:

END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:

START MEMO EDUCATION:
General Certificate of Education (Ordinary) and
(Advanced) Level examinations
Course on Broadcasting, Mass Media Institute, Sri Lanka
END MEMO EDUCATION:
START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:
END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:
START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:

END MEMO PUBLICATIONS:
START MEMO SPEC-CONSID:

END MEMO SPEC-CONSID:
FIRST-LANG: Tamil
ENGL-READ: 4
ENGL-SPEAK: 4
ENGL-COMP: 4
START OTHER-LANGS:
OTHER-LANG: Sinhala
OTHER-LANG-ID: SI
READ: 4
SPEAK: 4
COMP: 4
END OTHER-LANGS:
START MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:
This nomination is in support of MPP strategic goals on
"Democracy" and "Mutual Understanding"
END MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:
START MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:

END MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:
START MEMO VIS-OBJ:

END MEMO VIS-OBJ:
START MEMO VIS-REC:

END MEMO VIS-REC:
NOMINATING-OFFICER: Joe Novak
START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:
Mr. Kumar is a journalist by trade covering politics
and human rights, and is also active in human rights
organizations. To expose him to United States' efforts
to promote democracy, human rights and the role of the
media can only enhance our standing with this important
contact. A program on journalism will grant him
positive exposure to the U.S. and to the American media
community. The United States will gain the most
advantage by exposing Mr. Kumar to the variety of ways
reinforcing our contact with this up-and-coming
professional.
END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:
NOM-OFF: Political

SPEAKER?: No
NOTIFY-EMB: Yes
MEDIA?: No
HOME-STAY: No
HOME-HOSP?: Yes
E-I-TYPE:
NOMINEE-ID: 95
PERSON-ID: 99
BIRTH-CNTRY-ID: CE
CITIZ-CNTRY-ID: CE
RES-CNTRY-ID: CE
FIRST-LANG-ID: TC
E-I-TYPE-ID:
NOM-POST-ID: 2929
NOM-FUNDING-CNTRY-ID:
NOM-STATUS: N
END BIO:
END NOMINATION:

13. PLEASE ADVISE ACCEPTANCE OF THESE NOMINATIONS.
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